

**State and Tribal Government Working Group
Stewardship Committee
FFY02 Work Plan**

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Committee Mission:

The Long-Term Stewardship Committee will track DOE and other efforts to address issues associated with long-term stewardship (LTS) and will contribute to the commentary and information associated with these issues on the behalf of STGWG and its members.

FFY 02 Activities:

A. Monitor the topic area on behalf of the full STGWG and plan sessions on the topic for the full STGWG meetings

B. Serve as a state/tribal contact on this topic area

1. The Committee will establish a working relationship with staff responsible for Long-Term Stewardship in DOE HQ and stay current on national activities.

2. Committee Co-Chairs or members will represent STGWG with the following organizations or meetings:

- NGA Federal Facilities Task Force Stewardship Committee
- EMAB Stewardship Committee
- ECOS Stewardship Committee

- Energy Communities Alliance
- Interstate Technology Regulatory Coordination Group
- National Congress of American Indians
- Other groups or meetings, as appropriate

3. Provide a network for state and tribal members to exchange information related to long-term stewardship.

4. Solicit information from the STGWG members to identify problems, challenges and success stories.

C. Review and submit comments on DOE or other agency documents on the topic area

1. The Committee reviewed and commented on the Draft Long-Term Stewardship Study, October 2000, and will also review the comment responses and changes to the final document.

2. The Committee will review the DOE Draft Strategic Plan and comment as appropriate.

D. Perform independent research on a topic area and report on the findings.

1. Classified Waste/Material Stewardship Followup

Send a letter to DOE requesting a formal response to how classified waste is handled across the complex and why a discussion of the issue was not included in the NDAA Report. The letter will stress the following:

- Continue to encourage DOE to share relevant information with the states and tribes;
- Encourage DOE to “de-sanitize” classified waste prior to disposal requiring long-term stewardship;
- Request DOE develop a comparative costs analysis for “de-sanitation” versus long-term stewardship
- Include a mechanism for classified records in long-term stewardship records management plans.
- Research specific site information on available disposal areas and DOE requirements

Specific responses and followup discussions will be covered in STGWG meetings and possibly additional Committee work.

2. Land Transfers Followup

The committee plans additional effort as follows:

- a) Work with DOE to develop a fact sheet describing land transfer policies, requirements and terminology for both internal DOE and external stakeholder use.
- b) Request a presentation by DOE at our next meeting on land transfers and request that for that meeting, the Recent and Planned Departmental Land Disposals table be expanded to include cross-references, contamination status and required long-term actions.

- c) Request information from DOE to define specific characteristics of federal agency “ownership” of property in relation to property transfer issues. Particular attention will be requested regarding differing capabilities of different agencies in terms of implementing non-mission activities, and to the transfer of liability among agencies.
- d) The Committee will continue to investigate long-term controls at federal facilities.

Specific responses and followup discussions will be covered in STGWG meetings and possibly through additional Committee work.

3. Information Management for LTS Followup

Send a letter to DOE requesting a formal response to STGWG recommendations for information management. The letter will stress the following:

- User-friendly indexing
- Balance of national and local elements
- Key role of local governmental units and citizens
- Wide dissemination of information
- Accessibility and visibility of information are important

We will also evaluate how DOE incorporates these concerns into LTS strategic planning and site-specific LTS Plan guidance.

For a future meeting, develop a program in concert with the Tribal Issuers Committee where curatorial/archeological experts can share how they perceive institutions and mechanisms that persist and transmit information over long periods of time.

4. Long-Term Cost Estimation Followup

Although the Committee recognizes that present worth analysis will remain the cost comparison tool of choice for DOE remedies, it appears that enough concern exists about the method’s applicability to “deep future” costs that there is value in continuing to evaluate optional methods and optional applications of the present worth analysis. The Committee plans the following:

- a) Continue to investigate alternate methodology through research of the literature and conversations with experts in the field.
- b) Support a sensitivity analysis of various discounting techniques on a major DOE project to determine the impacts of differing discount rates. This may be the project to be proposed by CRESP in their FY02 Grant request.
- c) Support a survey of a given project’s stakeholders to determine willingness-to-pay to avoid moral harm to future generations. This project may be conducted in coordination with the project identified in Item b) to broaden the overall results.
- d) Continue to require DOE to estimate life-cycle costs for all proposed remedial alternatives and stewardship activities. Request the elimination of arbitrary time horizons in the cost estimates. These

requirements will be addressed in comments to the LTS planning guidance documents.

The Stewardship Committee will work with DOE and other entities to establish funding and support for the projects proposed in these recommendations. Specific responses and followup discussions will be covered in STGWG meetings and possibly additional Committee work.

5. DOE Trust Responsibilities and Treaty Obligations

The Committee will continue to work with the Tribal Issues Committee to compile trust responsibilities and treaty obligations and organize them into categories common to multiple tribes or sites. The results will be compiled into a white paper. The Committees will also work with DOE HQ, who may provide support in followup efforts.